

If the rank and file of the party in Texas is made up of Baileys, God save the Democracy of the Lone Star State!

Do THE garments sewed by that thirteen-year-old girl with a wage of thirty-two cents for three days' work bear the label, "Made in St. Louis?"

CALIFORNIA is down on the Payne-Aldrich tariff for two causes: 1st, it robs California; 2d, it does not give California the opportunity to rob the balance of mankind. Could opposition give stronger reason?

WHEN the Republic extols Rube Oglesby it is praising an official for whom nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand Democrats in this state have no use; and in "knocking" that sturdy and time-tried old Democrat, John Knott, it is not serving its own hand. *Verbum sat*,—or ought to be.

How much longer will the American people stand for the outrageous "third degree" instituted and continued by a tyrannical and seemingly irresponsible police? I see that some papers are contrasting the unlawful treatment of prisoners and suspects in this country with that in England. The contrast is to our disgrace—but we seem to like it.

WHAT justice or reason in the fining of the citizen for improving his real property? Yet that is just what the State does when it raises his assessment because of his building a house or a barn, or even when he cleans out his fence corners and fertilizes his land. "What fools these mortals be!" says Puck, and truly the improvident sluggard seems to lay it over them.

The charges preferred by Senator Gore of Oklahoma against certain prominent citizens and high officials seem to be bearing some very nasty fruit. The evidence being taken before the investigating committee has developed a systematized looting of the Indians that makes one to admire the intellectual genius behind it. What possibilities lie hidden in High Finance, and what plodders me who cannot X-ray them!

My brother of the Potosi Journal still insists—and gives the statistics to prove it—that the tariff does not raise prices. Then why a tariff, except for revenue? For the benefit of the workman? But how, if the tariff does not enable the employer to charge more for the product of his factory than he could if there were no tariff—how can it aid him in paying higher wages than he could without it? Brother, I would really like to know the hidden ins and outs of this wonderful and, to me, unsolvable problem.

THE State Primary is an expensive humbug, and that's all, except that it adds another fetter to the binding of the will of the individual. But restriction by law is the order of the day, and, continued and amplified, it will doubtless, in time, make awfully good and subservient citizens of us all—automatically fitted to move when the string is pulled, with as much self-volition as the marionette in action. This is called, and I presume is, "a free country," but Lord! how our freedom must be hedged in and guarded in order to save us from ourselves!

CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY (Standpat), who, barely escaped defeat, said to the Associated Press that "it looks as if Kansas has been engulfed in another wave of Populism." Congressman Murdock (Insurgent), characterized the result to the Associated Press as "a complete repudiation of both Cannon and the system by which he has robbed the people of free government in the House," and "an effort by the Republicans of Kansas to say with emphasis to the nation that the Republican party of Kansas, by endorsing Governor Stubbs and the Kansas Insurgents in Congress, stands for immediate and effective legislation framed to drive special and selfish interests out of control in American politics."

AND now the usual damphool hops up in New York and wants the enactment of law to impose unusual pains and penalties upon the person who assaults or injures an official. When McKinley was assassinated, Congress, responsive to the horror that possessed the nation, passed a statute applicable especially to assault upon Presidents and a few lesser officials. It

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was the first step—and a long one—toward the creation of class by law. The life of the humblest citizen should be held as sacred as that of the highest servant in his employ, and when the law makes distinctions in such case, the law is wrong. The logic which impels such distinction goes all down the line, from President to Constable—in fact would apply more reasonably to such officers far down in the scale as imperil their lives almost daily in the discharge of duty. Any law which, in its administration, recognizes official flesh in contradistinction to untitled flesh is foreign to the genius of the Republic and cannot be tolerated without offense to the principles underlying it.

Hogan Items.

We are having fine August weather; looks a little like rain today. Everything seems to be very quiet in our little town and news is scarce. There will be an ice cream supper here next Saturday night, August 20th, given for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited. Quite a number of people of this place attended church at Berryman Sunday. Mr. R. S. Huff went to Ironton Saturday. Mr. Sam Shy was here loading lumber Thursday. W. H. Hughes and A. E. Polk went to Ironton to-day on business. Mr. Tom Polk and sister, of Marble Creek, were here visiting relatives Sunday. Mrs. Commer and children went to Arcadia Friday. Miss Jessie Huff, of Piedmont, is visiting relatives here. Mr. Hunt, depot agent at this place, was in Arcadia Sunday. Miss Maria Smith, who has been staying with Mrs. Polk, has returned home. Mr. Will Huff is at home after an absence of two weeks in the west. Miss Lottie Hawkins attended church at Berryman Sunday, taking dinner with Mrs. R. S. Huff. SAMANTHA.

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, August 16, 1910:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday.....	10	87	54
Thursday.....	11	87	58
Friday.....	12	86	56
Saturday.....	13	88	55
Sunday.....	14	89	56
Monday.....	15	88	63
Tuesday.....	16	93	68 .12

NOTE—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

Pilot Knob Items.

Miss Della Edmonds has just returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. Dalton, at Flat River, Mo. Mrs. G. Stump and two sons, of Lebanon, Ill., are visiting home folk here. Messrs. George and Fred. Janke, of this place, are now working in Festus, Mo.

Miss Lena Ebrecht has returned to St. Louis after a visit to home folks of Pilot Knob. Mr. Clarence McGann, of Granite City, visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday. The threshing machine has completed its work on the farms near here. All the farmers seem to be very well pleased with their crops this season. Miss Alma Robinson spent Sunday in Arcadia. JUDY.

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